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Ms. Taylor Watts
5164 Prairieview Dr.
Zachary, Louisiana 70791

RE: Ethics Board Docket No. 2021-652

Dear Ms. Watts:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its September 3, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion relative to whether you would be prohibited for two years following your employment with the Louisiana Workforce Commission (“LWC”) from accepting employment with Louisiana Human Resources Development Institute (“LHRDI”).

FACTS PROVIDED

You provided that you were employed as a probationary employee of the LWC from January 2020 until July 2, 2021. You stated that you worked as an Industry Sector Coordinator for Coastal Restoration. You stated that you reported to the Industry Sector Program Manager. You stated that while you were employed with LWC you did not work on any projects associated with LHRDI. You stated that you have been offered a position with LHRDI as a Mobile Workforce Center Specialist. You stated that your job duties with LHRDI are not the same as your previous employment with LWC. You stated that you will not be working on any projects for LHRDI that involve Coastal Restoration.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1121B(1) provides that no former public employee shall, for a period of two years following the termination of his public employment, assist another person, for compensation, in a transaction, or in an appearance in connection with a transaction in which such former public employee participated at any time during his public employment and involving the governmental entity by which he as formerly employed, or for a period of two years following termination of his public employment, render, any service which such former public employee had rendered to the agency during the term of his public employment on a contractual basis, regardless of the parties to the contract, to, for, or on behalf of the agency with which he was formerly employed.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics (Ethics Code) would not prohibit you from accepting employment as a Mobile Workforce Center Specialist for LHRDI, provided that you do not assist LHRDI on matters that you worked on while an employee of LWC. Since you did not work on any matters involving LHRDI while you were an Industry Sector Coordinator for Coastal Restoration and your position with LHRDI will not require you to handle

matters involving Coastal Restoration, you would not be prohibited from accepting employment with LHRDI.

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This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Act, and conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws. If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 219-5600 or (800) 842-6630.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Gregory L. Thibodeaux
For the Board

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